# SOCIAL MEDIA CRISIS MANAGEMENT

Road Commission for Oakland County

#### **Keyboard Warriors**

Keyboard warriors sit behind devices and type up brave posts and messages.

Civility is mostly not an option on social media platforms these days.

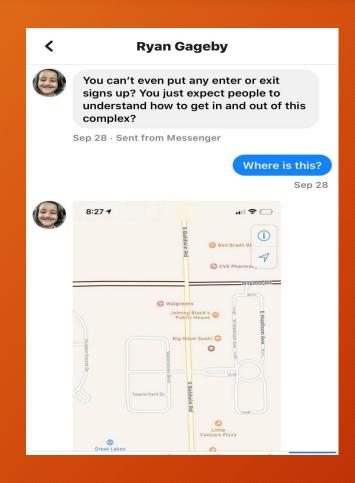
A crisis really fires up the masses.

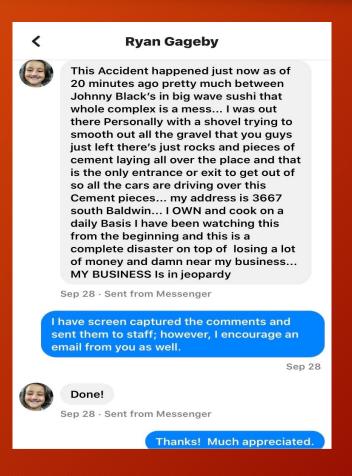


# Social Media responses

- Before replying, take a deep breath and a step back before responding. Meanness in our line of work is a one-way road.
- Screen capture the comment and send it to relevant staff that can address the situation. Let the constituent know that you are forwarding the concern. Ask them to follow up with a phone call or email. Encourage each to send along any relevant photos or videos. Most do not know that videos messaged on social media cannot be downloaded.
- Most of the time, the constituent just wants to be heard and will appreciate a response.

# Calming a late night weekend situation





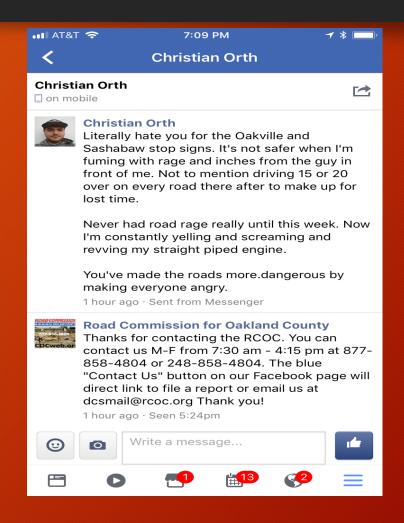
#### Auto-reply on Facebook messenger

Some people just will not be happy with any response. An auto-reply on Facebook messenger can come in very handy.

Many social media profiles are fake, so asking a person to email or call about the issue can add validity to the complaint.

You quickly figure out the "repeat offenders".

This particular complaint was also sent to law enforcement.



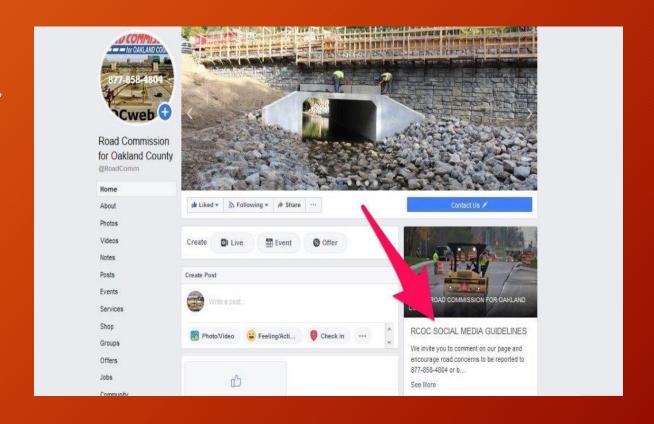
# Having a social media policy

A social media policy is almost a "must have" for government organizations.

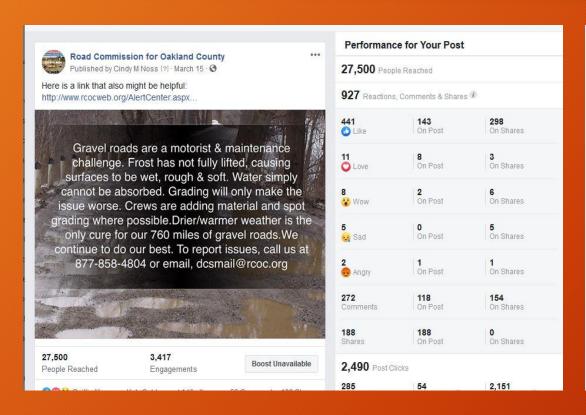
It provides rules for engagement.

Place the social media policy in highly visible place.

Enforce it.



# Getting ahead of a crisis







When you start a Facebook dumpster fire before bed so you can read the comments with your morning coffee



# Social Media Policy

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